Flour Mills in the country

2352. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:

SHRI SHANKARRAO NARAYANRAO DESHMUKH:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of flour mills in the country where the wheat is supplied by Food Corporation of India;

(b) how many flour mills in Maharashtra are supplied wheat by the Food Corporation of India;

(c) whether it is a fact that the quantity of wheat supply to Maharashtra has been reduced; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) With the delicensing of the flour milling industry in July, 1986, the Central Government have no obligation to supply wheat to the roller flour mills. The mills are free to buy wheat in the open market including the F.C.I.

(c) Allocation of wheat for the Public Distribution System in Maharashtra has not been reduced.

(d) Does not arise.

Declaration of cities as National Cities

2353. SHRI RAMSINGHBHAIPATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some cities of Saurashtra and Kutch region of Gujarat State have been proposed to be developed as national cities so as to provide them all modern facilities;

(b) if so, the names of such cities;

(c) how many cities of Gujarat and other parts of the country which have been recommended to be developed as national cities by the National Commission on urbanisation; and

(d) by when these cities are likely to be declared as National cities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) No city in Gujarat has been termed as a National City by the National Commission on Urbanisation. The Commission has termed the Cities of Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta and Madras as National Cities and have made suggestions on how there can be national support in their development. The recommendations of the Commission are under process.

Strengthening of Fishery Survey of India

2354. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal with the Central Government to strengthen the 'Fishery Survey of India' with appropriate types and sizes of vessels, scientific staff and other relevant facilities, to enable it to cope with the increased demands; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) Strengthening of Fishery Survey of India was undertaken during the 6th Plan period by re-organising it into six zonal bases with additional survey vessels and appropriate scienti-